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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC) -  
REPORT ON WORKING GROUP ON CONVENTION CHANGES, JUNE  
17-18

1. SUMMARY: MAJOR VIEWS OF USG ACCEPTED EITHER AS  
SINGLE TEXT OR AS ALTERNATIVE TEXT. SELECTION PANEL  
FOR IWC SECRETARY POSITION WILL RECOMMEND CURRENT  
SECRETARY STACEY REMAIN AS PERMANENT INTERIM SECRETARY.

2. MAJOR CONCERN OF USG TO HAVE ECOLOGICAL AND  
AESTHETIC VALUES OF WHALES/CETACEANS RECOGNIZED AS  
EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO ECONOMIC AND NUTRITIONAL VALUES  
WERE ACCEPTED BY ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS IN THE WORKING  
GROUP. NECESSITY TO CONSIDER ROLE OF WHALE/CETACEAN  
STOCKS IN OCEAN ECOSYSTEMS WAS ACCEPTED AS AREA IN  
WHICH THE COMMISSION SHALL ENCOURAGE SCIENTIFIC INVESTI-  
GATION (ARTICLE IV) AND AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINATION OF  
SCHEDULE CHANGES (ARTICLE V) HERE WAS NO OPPOSITION  
FROM GOJ OR SOVIET UNION AS THERE WAS IN NOVEMBER  
WORKING GROUP MEETING.

3. USG ATTEMPTS TO HAVE BASIC CONSERVATION PRINCIPLE  
OF AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT REFLECTED IN CONVENTION  
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(ARTICLES II AND V) STRONGLY OPPOSED BY JAPAN AND

CANADA ON BASIS OF INFLEXIBILITY. HOWEVER, USG PROPOSALS ARE INCLUDED AS ALTERNATIVE TEXT.

4. DISCUSSION OF RELATIONSHIP OF IWC CONVENTION AND LOS CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE WITH CANADA AND MEXICO PUSHING FOR CONSIDERATION OF IDEA IN GENEVA NEGOTIATING TEXT TO BE INCLUDED IN ARTICLE I OF IWC CONVENTION. GOJ OBJECTED STRONGLY. USG REP AGREED WITH GOJ THAT GENEVA TEXT CANNOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE AGREED IN ANY RESPECT BUT EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IWC PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT BE PUT OFF INDEFINITELY IF NO LOS CONCLUSION IS REACHED. CONVENTION WHICH WOULD NOT PREJUDICE LOS CONFERENCE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED. NO CONCLUSION WAS REACHED BY THE WORKING GROUP. ARTICLE I WILL BE BLANK AND DIFFERENT POSSIBLE WORDINGS ATTACHED AS AN ANNEX.

5. DISCUSSION OF WHETHER NEW CONVENTION SHOULD COVER ONLY LARGE WHALES OR WHETHER IT SHOULD COVER SMALL CETACEANS ALSO WAS NOT RESOLVED. THEREFORE, ALTERNATIVE WORDING WILL REMAIN THROUGHOUT THE SINGLE TEXT.

6. AT MEETING OF SELECTION PANEL FOR IWC PERMANENT SECRETARY, JUNE 19, USG WAS ONLY NATION OPPOSING APPOINTMENT OF GAMBELL OF UK AS PERMANENT SECRETARY. IWC PANEL RELUCTANTLY RECOGNIZED USG OPPOSITION AND AGREED (A) TO APPOINT MR. STACEY AS PERMANENT SECRETARY ON INTERIM BASIS UNTIL MARCH 31; (B) TO SEND OUT NEW ADVERTISEMENT ABOUT THE JOB; (C) TO RAISE THE SALARY TO 12,000 POUNDS AND (D) TO CONSIDER PROVIDING MORE SUITABLE PENSION PLAN. THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE MADE TO FULL COMMISSION NEXT WEEK.

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